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Council Member



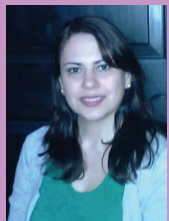
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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

July 24, 2012



Everything else that follows in this newsletter is subject to the sense of perspective that is once again placed on our hearts due to the inexplicable and senseless tragedy that the community of Aurora, Colorado has suffered.



"...at a time when our discourse has become so sharply polarized – at a time when we are far too eager to lay the blame for all that ails the world at the feet of those who think differently than we do – it's important for us to pause for a moment and make sure we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds."

Excerpt from President Obama's speech in Tucson – January 12, 2011.

Steinfeld's Building

Last week in the Arizona Daily Star there were stories about the funding and rehab of the Marist College. There is also a similar story to be told about the rehab of the Steinfeld's Warehouse. Both buildings involved the use of Community Development Block Grant federal funds.





Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police
Department

911 or 791-4444
nonemergency

Mayor & Council
Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood
Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal
Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/
Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment
Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish
628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve



Similarities – both buildings are historic structures. Both buildings are in need of significantly more than \$1M in money to rehabilitate them. Neither building had an occupant at the time the CDBG money the city allocated to the rehab of the exterior was authorized.

I've written about the Marist. You'll be seeing more on that in the weeks to come. The brief background on

Steinfeld's is that a couple of years ago the City put together a Request for Proposals relative to three buildings along the Warehouse Arts area. One of them was Steinfeld's.

The Warehouse Arts Management Organization (WAMO) won the "bid" by offering the City \$1 for the building on the condition that within 36 months they'd pay another \$250K and within one year following that they'd rehab the building and have a use for it. So far, so good but no place in the RFP was public funding contemplated for the rehabilitation. Shortly after the award of the space to WAMO, the City spent over \$400K for rehabilitation of the exterior and north of another \$500K for rehab of the roof. WAMO has now got a building with nearly \$1M of public money invested into the rehabilitation for \$1.

I maintain that if other bidders had known that the City was going to spend \$1M in rehab, the nature of the bids would have fundamentally changed. They'd have been more aggressive, there would have been more of them, and the taxpayers would have stood to gain.

The funding source for the rehab work was CDBG money. That's the same funding source we used on the Marist. So within two weeks we have over \$2M of CDBG money having been spent for "historic preservation." This is not an argument against historic preservation. It is a discussion of priorities and transparency.

In fiscal year '11 we had budgeted over \$14M in needs for use of CDBG funds. Our allocation was about \$8.4M. The six million dollar shortfall represents unmet needs in the community. Those needs fall in the categories of:

- Human Services
- Neighborhood / Public Enhancement
- Housing Rehab
- Collaborative Community Planning/Administration
- Lead Based Paint
- Environmental Clearances

That's what CDBG money can be spent on. It is geared to serving low to moderate income residents.

In fiscal year '12 our allocation dropped to \$5.6M

Here is a quote from the 2013 city Action Plan:

Tucson's 2013 Action Plan details the goals and funding priorities for Program Year



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jon Kyl (R)
520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(8th District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(7th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice
Brewer (R)
Governor of Arizona
602-542-4331
Toll free:
1-800-253-0883

State Legislators
Toll Free
Telephone:
1-800-352-8404
Internet:
www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

City Infoguide
[http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/infoguide)

2013, to continue the City's efforts in improving the quality of life for Tucson's low and moderate-income residents through enhancing the physical environment as well as providing direct benefits that will result in improved housing opportunities and enhanced quality of life. The Plan lists the City's allocations, goals, objectives and performance measures for FY 2013. (Please note: these allocation numbers are preliminary and subject to change by HUD)

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$ 5,104,483

CDBG funds will be used for a variety of housing and community development activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

There was nothing illegal about how the money went into the Steinfeld's or Marist buildings. There is certainly a legitimate discussion needed about prioritizing how we spend those diminishing dollars. I will disagree with some of the people in the historic preservation camp on this but I feel the Marist \$1M and the Steinfeld's \$1M could have, and should have, been better spent on other priorities within the community.

In addition, the fact that WAMO can come to the front door and offer us \$1, and walk around to the back door and get handed \$1M is a sign that we need better oversight of how those dollars are doled out. It's all taxpayer funds, and there are multiple needs that deserve a wider conversation than what is clearly happening right now.

Film Industry Incentives



First, disclosure – I am not neutral on this topic at all. My brother is highly successful in the film industry (Director of Photography on several Tim Burton films, worked on Matrix series, some Disney, etc.) and I lived here when Tucson was at the cutting edge of attracting film crews from out of town to come and do their shoots here. When we lost that, the region and our economy took a significant hit.

Two years ago the State legislature got a film incentive bill through the Senate, but it died in the House. Last session they got it all the way to the Governor's desk, where it died. The Governor did sign a different tax incentive bill though, one that is essentially an income tax credit. It was originally available only to renewable energy manufacturers, but as adopted applies to any manufacturer that meets a set of criteria laid out in the bill. It was written for Intel in Chandler.

Businesses that qualify are eligible for an income tax credit of up to 10 percent of the cost of building a facility or \$200,000 per job created. The tax credit is capped at \$70 million per year, and is refundable. Even if a company doesn't owe any income taxes, it could still be eligible for a refund of up to \$30 million.

The film industry bills that didn't make it off the cutting room floor didn't even kick in until there was spending in the local economy by a film crew. They offered tax credits based on levels of spending in the local economy, amount of local talent hired, and was based on purchases of local equipment, personnel and materials needed for staging and production. No tax credits kicked in if there weren't local dollars spent. And the dollars required in the stat-

ute were significant, not a You Tube garage production.

This is a section from the MTCVB audit report that was released last week:

Film

The Tucson Film Office facilitated 62 definite projects in FY 2011-12 with an economic impact of more than \$8.9 million. Most notable:

- The GREAT ESCAPE for TNT was filmed at Pima Air & Space Museum and the Titan Missile Museum. They used 1,160 room nights in the city/county with an economic impact of \$1.6M
- Chevy Sonics commercial brought in \$1.1M
- CHOPPED for the Food Network was filmed at Old Tucson using 960 room nights at the JW Marriott Resort with an EEI of \$1M
- Hyundai commercial was filmed in downtown Tucson and brought in \$1M in EEI

Shellie Hall runs the department and with the small budget she is given does a tremendous job of attracting film work into the community. In FY'11 her office brought in nearly 60 productions, including two feature films, four documentaries, a Danish television series and more.

There is more that could be done if the legislature and governor would step up and participate.

With that in mind, I have begun working with Shelli and others who are interested in moving some incentive legislation past the roadblocks that exist up in Phoenix so we can compete with surrounding States. Film producers are using Arizona as fly-over country on their way from LA to Albuquerque and Austin. I believe that this is such an important untapped area of our regional economy that I'd like to see it become a litmus test for supporting candidates to the State House and Senate. I'm only introducing the idea here, but you'll be seeing it in the media in the days and weeks to come as we approach the election.

And when a given legislator or the governor says we "can't afford this" my reply will be:

- a) Under this proposal we don't spend a dollar that hasn't already been generated by the film under production
- b) We're subsidizing things such as the greyhound racing industry – check this out, directly from the State budget site:

Arizona Breeders' Award

The budget includes \$250,000 from the General Fund in FY 2013 for the Arizona Breeders' Award. This amount funds the following adjustments:

Increase in Racing Awards:

The budget includes an increase of \$250,000 from the General Fund in FY 2013 to increase racing awards. Monies in this line item are deposited in the non-appropriated Arizona Breeders' Award Fund. The fund awards the breeder of every winning horse or greyhound foaled or whelped in this state.

I'm still working on the greyhound/anabolic steroid item and will be bringing that forward soon. But to know that the State Legislature is putting \$1/4 million into an award for any part of that "industry" is troubling, from the standpoint of compassion for the animals.

Kolb Road Meeting

Quick invitation – on Friday, August 3rd at 6pm my office will join the Ward 2 office in a meeting to review the planning and design – and budgeting – process related to the Kolb

Road extension. Since this is a W2 project, we'll be holding the meeting out at their office which is located at 7575 East Speedway.

This project differs from the Broadway expansion in that there have been citizen task force meetings to discuss the design, and a proposed alignment appears to have been agreed upon. I say "appears" because some of the residents in the area contend that some of the information decided upon at the task force meetings has not been made available for review.

The citizen's task force deliberations and information is subject to the State Open Meetings Law. Section 7.12.1 (Nullification) states that "all legal action transacted by any public body during a meeting held in violation of any provision of the Open Meeting Law is null and void unless subsequently ratified." So, first we'll need to sort out the legal effect of decisions already made, and then we'll engage in a round table as to how we move forward in ways that are inclusive and that maintain the spirit of the project as it was "sold" to the voters on the RTA ballot. That includes costs as well as design elements.

Every interested taxpayer is invited to the meeting. My role will be to go, listen and learn so I can apply what comes out of it to other roadway project processes in which I'm involved.

River Road Expansion

One such project is the impact our recent decision to annex and approve a Planned Area Development will have on River Road out around Craycroft. I voted against the annexation and the PAD – but it passed and so what I have done is to book a meeting that will include the variety of partners in the issue to come together and try to start a process that will hopefully lead to resolving some of the clear safety and convenience issues we have allowed to go on unaddressed for far too long.

The meeting will take place on August 16th at 4pm at the Ward 6 office. I have received confirmation so far from the Friends of River Road, Ann Day's office, the County Administrator's office, the City Manager, TDOT and the RTA. Still to reply are Ray Carroll's office and that of Paul Cunningham.

I don't expect to walk away with a solution – what I am hopeful is to engage the stakeholders and form the basis for keeping the conversation going, moving it towards a design and funding solution.

...stay tuned.

Manning House – Rio

Over the course of the past week, the Marist subsidy was replaced in the media by an attempt by the owners of the Manning House to secure similar public support. The initial level was in the \$50K range, with an option for Rio to purchase the property after 60 days if an alternate buyer did not emerge. The sales price is in the \$2.5M range, and the deal points as described by the owner of the property included 7% interest, a little over \$100K down and five years of payments on the balance. Of course those deal points would be subject to negotiation – and of course any purchase or subsidy of a private entity such as the Manning House by Rio with taxpayer money would have violated the statutory restrictions placed on Rio by the legislature back in 2009. If it were the City it might also violate the State Constitutional Gift clause, but as noted earlier in the year when several members of the local community, former Rio "reconstituted board" and State legislature were trying to craft legislation that would have given Rio substantially more authority to maneuver in the local economy, Rio is exempt from that clause.

Last weekend the legislative counsel authored a new opinion related to whether or not a Notice to Proceed had been properly issued by Rio back in 2010 when we rejected the Garfield Traub hotel proposal. Here's a link to that opinion:

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/7-24-12rionuevo.ntp_.pdf

The short message is that the Senate President has now advised Rio that they can spend TIF money on projects other than the TCC or a new convention center hotel. This is a departure from that which we were led to believe for the past 2 1/2 years; that is, that Rio and the City are bound to spend TIF money on nothing beyond the TCC and a convention center hotel on that site until a Notice to Proceed into construction on the hotel has been issued. I believe this is a flawed opinion, and I base that on a pretty simple reading of the Master Development Agreement that existed between Rio and Turner/Sundt - here's some relevant language from that MDA

From Section 1.1:

" Notice to Proceed" means written notice from Owner to Design Builder to commence construction of Project, as provided in Section 6.8.

"Owner" means the Rio Nuevo Multipurpose Facilities District and its successors and assigns.

"Design Builder" means an Arizona joint venture comprised of Sundt Construction Company, an Arizona corporation, and Turner Construction Company, a New York corporation, or such other general contractor as Owner and Developer may approve.

Section 6.8:

6.8. Notice to Proceed. Subject to the Closing having occurred, Owner shall issue the Notice to Proceed with respect to the Project (excluding the TCC East Entrance which shall commence earlier than the Closing) promptly after the occurrence of all three of the following events: (i) Owner shall have approved the Capital Plan and the Project, as adjusted during the Design Development Period, (ii) the Closing shall have occurred, and (iii) all necessary permits shall have been obtained for the commencement of construction of the Project. Owner shall issue the Notice to Proceed with respect to the TCC East Entrance after the occurrence of (i) and (iii) above and the establishment of the TCC East Entrance Construction Escrow (as described in Section 2.2).

The former Rio board never issued a NTP to Turner/Sundt, the permits were not issued, a Capital Plan was never approved and the project was never closed.

In last week's newsletter I printed verbatim a letter I received from Senate President Steve Pierce that validates my contention that the gift to Manning would be inconsistent with the explicit terms of the State Statute. The current Rio board wanted to test that, and requested the clarification. That is what is now reflected in the opinion linked above.

Everything we do with the new board must be in public, and must be within the terms of the State Open Meetings Law. Just as the Citizen's Task Force in the Kolb project has restrictions on how it can operate, so do we (and so does the Rio board). In particular, "Open Meetings Law - Section 7.5.2 Circumvention of the Open Meeting Law /. Public officials should refrain from any activities that may undermine public confidence in the

public decision making process established in the Open Meeting Law, including actions that may appear to remove discussions and decisions from public view."

I am very concerned over the perceived process by which two very different legislative opinions were rendered within less than a month. It is a fine line between perception and it becoming reality. All of us involved with the Rio process have to be hyper-sensitive to the history and current reality of that.

With the new opinion prevailing, we can now move ahead in approving projects with the new Rio board. The city must approve any that exceed \$50K. Before any new Intergovernmental Agreements are drafted though, the first order of business is for Rio to have dismissed through whatever legal means are appropriate the \$72M in outstanding litigation that has been filed against the city. Then we have got to make every next step in total view of the public. And if we do move ahead in this manner, there remains the possibility of somebody filing suit against us and challenging whether the Legislative Counsel's opinion correctly trumped the State Statute.

I'm still hopeful that this can work. I'm not giddy and naïve though. It has to be done right, or we kill the drill.

Workers Transit Authority

We've had on display at the W6 office for about the last month the WTA exhibit that was formerly being shown downtown. It's a very cool series of examples of both how we might consider evolving into a more bike-centric community, and tie that together with a consumer driven approach to transit.

We will be decommissioning the show on Wednesday, July 25th at 6pm. Bill Mackey is the artist in chief on this and will be on hand on that evening to tell the story of the show, and take your questions. Please plan on seeing his work, and join us on that night as we take it down to make room for a new exhibit in our common area at the Ward office.

SB1070

Last week, Chief of Police Villasenor submitted this Declaration related to SB1070 to the District Court in Arizona. It's about seven pages long, and is worth the read if you would like to see exactly how our local law enforcement officials view the law.

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/sites/default/files/ward6/7-24-12sb1070.tpd_chief.pdf

I've shared my feelings on the bill before, and it is gratifying to see that they line up with those of the Chief. I'll summarize my feelings, and let you read his full text to get the sense of how the experts in the field of local law enforcement feel.

The bill will place an added strain on our already understaffed police force. Right now we're about 40 officers short. After the upcoming DROP program losses, that number will escalate to nearly 100.

There are questions related to the ability for our officers to determine immigration status, even under the "reasonable suspicion" guidelines outlined in the training materials, without considering race and ethnicity. That will preposition our cops for being charged with profiling - a position denied by those who don't work in the field. Go on a ride-along sometime

and observe.

We are concerned also about the impact of the new bill on the civil rights of people who will now be apprehended and detained for extended periods of time as our policemen and women wait for ICE or the Border Patrol to respond to calls for verification of status. Costs of jail boarding are high, and the civil rights impacts are legitimate concerns.

The bill also allows private citizens to sue a jurisdiction if it is felt the law is not being administered as fully as it should be. The thing smacks of yet another field day for attorneys, and may well lead to a deterioration in the trust relationship our police officers have developed over time with our community.

Read the Chief's Declaration - it is instructive. And the next time you're out and about, do the bumper sticker thing - "Thank a Cop."

Redistricting

By the end of the year, some of the ward boundaries will be redrawn. You will have an opportunity to weigh in on the proposed changes. There are a few proposals in the works, but nothing ready to present.

We have a Redistricting Committee that has met a couple of times and will continue to meet through the summer and into the fall. The goal is to have some proposed changes to M&C by October 1st and our final decision made by the end of the calendar year.

By law, each ward should have relatively the same number of constituents. Ward 6 will need to have between 7,000 and 8,000 voters added. The changes will be made by incorporating some of the newly minted county precincts, adding some to W6 and deleting them from adjacent wards. The new ward boundaries are to be contiguous and compact.

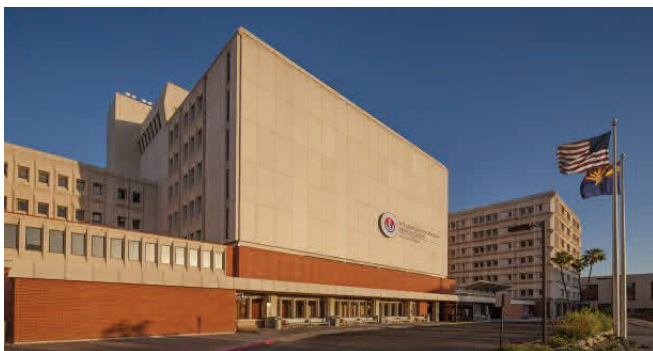
Each of the Redistricting Committee meetings are subject to the State Open Meetings Law; that is you have a right to attend them. You can find their scheduled meetings on the City Clerk web site and as I learn of them, I'll include them in the newsletter.

Knowing that W6 will grow, I am committed to gathering up all of my staff and doing a road trip out to introduce ourselves to the neighborhoods that might end up being added to the ward. It's all too much in the very early discussion stages right now to schedule any of those meetings - and people are generally gone during the summer - so as this process develops, those of you who are on the outskirts of the existing boundary and who might be under consideration for incorporation as our constituents will be contacted and we'll do the meet/greet thing.

UA Medical Center

Here's an entry from a UA News that came out last week:

In U.S. News & World Report's 2012-13 Best Hospital rankings, The University of Arizona Medical Center rated among the best nationally in geriatrics and was rated high performing in 11 other medical specialties.



But after the January shootings last year, locally we know how valuable an asset to the community the UA hospital is.

In addition to geriatrics care, the hospital was ranked as “high performing” in the following specialties:

- Cancer
- Cardiology & Heart Surgery
- Diabetes & Endocrinology
- Ear, Nose & Throat
- Gastroenterology
- Gynecology
- Nephrology
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Orthopedics
- Pulmonology
- Urology

In addition to that, the UA medical center is ranked #33 out of nearly 5,000 U.S. hospitals for geriatrics – thus earning the ‘Best Hospital’ ranking in that field.

We learned first-hand in this community the value of having the group of professionals of the UA medical center staff located in our community. We at the Ward 6 office pray for the victims of the Aurora, Colorado shootings and also for strength among the first responders, including all of their health providers, as they work through the very difficult days ahead.



Peter Piper Pizza™

&
The Erik Hite Foundation

Present a...

FLYER FUNDRAISER EVENT!

Friday, July 27, 2012

If you Google Erik Hite Foundation, on the home page you'll find a printable flyer that you can take to Peter Piper Pizza this Friday and when you turn it in at check out a portion of the meal cost will automatically be donated to the Foundation. You have to have the flyer in hand in order to have the money donated.

Your servers will be members of TPD, other first responder agencies and the TPD Swat team will also be present. I'm going to be one of the server's as well.

In 2008, Officer Hite was shot and killed while on duty. He left a wife and two children. After the tragic incident, his wife began the foundation and has continued to provide a child care center and family outreach programs that offer a safe and positive environment benefitting both commissioned and non-commissioned personnel employed by Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Personnel and their child(ren). This will be a way for you to support our police officers and their families while also enjoying a night out with your own group. I hope to see you out there. My shift will run from around 6-8pm.

Another Caption Contest

About a year ago I held a caption contest through the newsletter. I'm going to do it again – and once more my staff will be the judges. The prize this time around will be two free tickets to the Reid Park Zoo. Here's the picture for this contest:



Send your entry to Diana.amado@tucsonaz.gov. She'll be the guardian of the entries and at the end of the week my group will get together and make a decision. Make sure to include a phone number when you email in your entry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kozachik".

Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6

Arts and Entertainment Events Calendar

This week and next week at the arts and entertainment venues in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Tuesday, July 24, 8:00pm. “Melvin Seals & the JGB” All ages.

Thursday, July 26, 8:00pm. “Kaskade – Freaks of Nature Tour”

www.RialtoTheatre.com

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

Ongoing exhibition, Opening Saturday, June 16 and ending September 23:

“100 Years 100 Ranchers: Spirit of the West”

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), 265 S. Church Ave.

Current exhibition: **The AIR Show**

Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00pm.

www.Moca-Tucson.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

The Drawing Studio, 33 S. 6th Ave.

Ongoing Exhibit, Opens Saturday June 2 and runs until July 29

“Fundamental Skills”

<http://www.thedrawingstudio.org/>

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Farmers' Market at Maynards

Saturdays 9:00am – 1:00pm

On the plaza at Maynards Market & Kitchen. 400 N Toole in the Historic Train Depot

Santa Cruz Farmers' Market

Thursdays, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

Mercado San Agustin, 100 S. Avenida del Convento

Science Downtown: Mars + Beyond

Open by appointment only

2nd Saturday of each month, extended hours to 5:00pm – 9:00pm

300 E. Congress St.

<http://www.sciencedowntown.org/index.html>

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com
www.FourthAvenue.org
www.DowntownTucson.com

Other Community Events

Loft Cinema www.loftcinema.com/

Wednesday July 25, 7:30pm. “Chinese Take-Away”

Saturday July 21 through Sunday July 29 at 10:00am. “The 2012 Tucson International Children’s Festival”

Arizona State Museum – Woven Wonders (beginning April 28)

The Arizona State Museum is debuting a sample of 500 pieces from the world’s largest collection of Southwest American Indian basketry (over 25,000 pieces). Visit www.statemuseum.arizona.edu for more information.

UA Mineral Museum – Ongoing

“100 Years of Arizona’s Best: The Minerals that Made the State”

Flandrau Science Center

Join the Flandrau Planetarium on the University of Arizona Campus for their weekly Planetarium and Laser Show. Call (520) 621-4516 or for more info visit: <http://www.flandrau.org/>

Main Gate Square Friday Night Live – Jazz Summer Concert Series

On select Friday’s this summer, discover (or rediscover) Main Gate Square through the Jazz Summer Concert Series. Concerts begin at 7:00 in the Geronimo Plaza Courtyard and admission is free. Please visit http://saaca.org/Main_Gate_Square.html for more information and listing of bands and restaurants.

Summer Science Saturday – July 28, 10:00am-5:00pm

On Saturday, July 28, visit the Kuiper Space Sciences for Summer Science Saturday and celebrate the upcoming landing of the Mars Science Laboratory’s Curiosity Rover. This free, fun, family event will occur at the Kuiper Space Sciences Building and includes activities, displays, and lectures. Enjoy learning about robotics, meteorites, comets, optical illusions, and much more. For more information visit <http://www.lpl.arizona.edu/calendar/calendar.php?ID=561>

Artist Talk – July 25 at the Ward 6 Office

Come join the Ward 6 staff to welcome artist
Bill Mackey
 as he discusses the
 Worker Transit Authority
 exhibition that has been displayed in our office
 for the past two months. Many people have come
 in to look at the exhibit and ask questions on the
 display. Now is your turn to learn more about
 it from the artist himself.
 The program will start at 6:00pm!



Time to clean out the closet!

This July, Men's Wearhouse will host its fifth annual National Suit Drive to give unemployed men a chance to look their best as they re-enter the workforce. Each year, National Suit Drive, the nation's largest collection of gently used business attire for men, encourages Americans to transform their unwanted business-wear into a fresh start for millions of disadvantaged workers still facing joblessness.

To donate to National Suit Drive, patrons may go to any of the three Tucson locations to contribute their gently used men's suits, shirts, jackets, ties, belts, and shoes. Women's professional clothing items are gladly accepted as well. All donated garments will be given to our local Tucson nonprofit partner, Old Pueblo Community Services who will prepare men and women to re-enter the job market through resume-building workshops, interview preparation and skills training programs.

For every suit donated, Men's Wearhouse will give two business ties to the cause. As a thank you, donors will receive a coupon for 50% off the regular price of all retail items (excluding shoes and Everyday Low Price items) for their next Men's Wearhouse purchase, as well as a tax receipt.

Men's Wearhouse locations for donations:

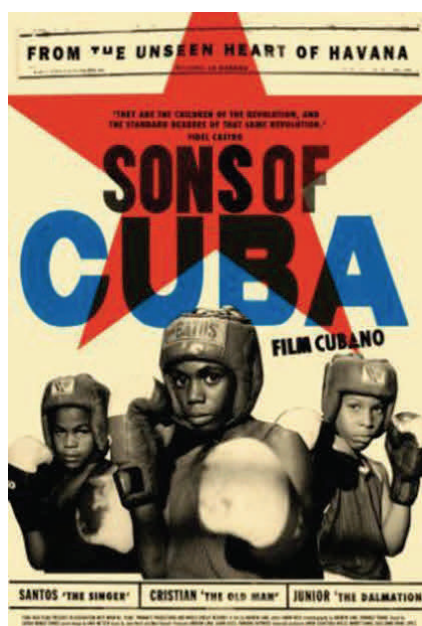
Men's Wearhouse and Tux
Inside Tucson Mall
Upstairs near Macy's

Men's Wearhouse
90 West River Road
NW corner of River and Stone

Men's Wearhouse
5628 E Broadway
Southside of the street
East of Craycroft

www.menswearhouse.com

www.helptucson.org



presents "Sons of Cuba"
on Thursday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m.

To view full schedule visit:

<http://www.cinemaplacita.com/>



6th Annual School Supplies Drive

Tucson Association of REALTORS® and News 4 Tucson's Kristi's Kids have joined together for the 6th Annual School Supplies Drive. You can drop off supplies starting now through August 1 at any Walgreens, The Children's Museum, News 4 Tucson KVOA, and Tucson Association of REALTORS®. We will also have a drop off location at the Ward 6 Office for your convenience. For more information and a list of supplies needed visit

<http://www.tucsonrealtors.org/supplies.html>

Tucson Church International presents its 3rd Annual Back2School Bash AUG. 5th, 2012

There will be:

- Free backpacks filled with school supplies
- Free haircuts for school aged children
- Free food, games, music and much more!

TIME: 2pm-6pm

LOCATION: Hotel Tucson City Center, 475 North Granada Avenue

http://www.tucsonchurch.org/?page_id=789



Can you donate to a foster child in need?

Pima County is facing an unusual crisis. Children are coming into foster care and there is no place for them to go. There are not enough beds in foster homes, group homes and shelters. Children have been sent out of county for placement and now because there is no spaces available children are sleeping in the CPS offices. There is a desperate and critical need for foster parents now more than ever before. KOLD News also did a spotlight on this issue. Here a link to the article.

<http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/19005321/pima-county-in-desperate-need-of-foster-families>

CPES Loving Hearts Foster Care is doing a Supply Drive for these items, so if you would like to donate any of the listed items, please bring them to the CPES main office. (CPES-Community Provider of Enrichment Services, 4825 N. Sabino Canyon Rd. Tucson, AZ 85750)

For more information contact:

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CPES Supply Drive requested items are:

Bottles
Pacifiers
Paper bowls/plates
Plastic silverware
Juice boxes
Movies (PG & G)
Socks
Water (bottles and gallons to cook with)
Mac & Cheese (preferable the ones in the bowl)
Snacks, snacks and more snacks (individual ones)
Disposable wash cloths
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Newborn diapers
Pull-Ups or overnight pull-ups